

JOHN BARLEYCORN TO DEPART TAMELY

Hotel and Restaurant Men Report Lack of Enthusiasm Over Funeral.

CITY IS DRINKING LESS

Herbert P. Connors Association Arranges Picnic for Thousands.

It begins to look as if John Barleycorn is to be buried in New York on the night of June 26 with an almost entire absence of mourners. There have been reports for some time that the ceremony of putting booze away for the last time was to be performed on that night to the accompaniment of loud groans and much music and singing and general jollity, but inquiries at the leading hotels and restaurants of Broadway failed to justify these reports.

On the contrary, such managers and owners of these places as could be found in the city over the week end said that so far as they were concerned the night of June 26 will be just like any other night. Of course there is a time yet for them to change their minds. None of the hotels or restaurants, so far as could be learned, have made any preparations for a big celebration, and very few of them have the patrons of the place made any inquiries as to the ceremony. In the case of the Hotel Circle, for instance, it was said last night by an official of the operating company that only two persons had spoken about reserving tables for the funeral. And they spoke in a casual sort of way, asking the manager to save something for them if it looked like a big night, but making no definite reservation.

Death of Enthusiasm.

As a matter of fact, lack of enthusiasm over a big time for June 26 seems to be general throughout the length and breadth of the Great White Way. The Claridge and the McAlpin, two places where there are always parties if there are parties anywhere, have made no arrangements for a bigger time than usual on the last night of whiskey's life in town. At the Hotel Astor it was said that no arrangements had been made for a big celebration and that the Astor patrons had made no requests for table reservations. Practically the same things were said by the officials of all of the hotels in the district east of Broadway from Fifty-ninth street to Forty-second street.

At the Netherlands, Savoy, Waldorf, Plaza, Biltmore, Ritz-Carlton, the Manhattan and all the other hotels in this section it was said that there would be no celebration, or at least that no plans had been made for one yet. This was also true of the restaurants in that district, such as Daly's, in Forty-second street, where large stocks of liquor are on hand.

Hotel and restaurant men advance many different reasons for this lack of interest on the part of the public in the passing of booze, for it is that lack of interest that has kept them from arranging celebrations. Had their patrons shown enthusiasm the celebrations would have been planned. Most of the hotel and restaurant managers say that the public, like themselves, simply cannot believe that prohibition is coming, and some of them say they are not arranging to celebrate because they have the assurance of their attorneys that something will happen before June 30 to enable them to keep on selling liquor.

Connors Association's Picnic.

Probably the most interesting event of the fateful day will be the outing and games of the Herbert P. Connors Association, made up of the old friends and neighbors of the Second Assembly district, doubtless the last picnic of the sort ever to be held. The folk who make up that association are middle-aged or elderly, most of them, and they have lived their lives in the district marked by the Brooklyn Bridge, the Criminal Courts Building and Cherry Hill, southwest Tammanyhall and bred in the bone New Yorkers. Their guest of honor, it may be, will be none other than Neighbor Al Smith of Oliver street, a charter member of the association and still "one of the boys." Gov. Al has promised to be here on Monday, June 30, if he can arrange his affairs at Albany.

The members and guests will assemble at 60 Cherry street, where Paddy Whelan—the Hon. Patrick J. Whelan, president of the association—first saw the light of day more years ago than Paddy knew to admit, and where he used to loiter little Al Smith up and down on his knee when the Governor was merely a freckle faced kid with an immense genius for mischief. Also, it may be recalled, the present Governor of the Empire State has been well spanked upon this historic spot—which is to say the site of 60 Cherry street.

Now president the Hon. Paddy expects to mobilize the mourners for John Barleycorn in Cherry street is difficult to figure out, for not less than 5,000 persons, maybe 6,000, are going to attend the picnic up river; but Paddy knows about as much of handling crowds as George McGlynn used to know. Anyway, the association and friends, headed by and mixed with bands, supported by brewery wagons stacked high with the 222 staff (and a little of the old 425, it is whispered) will get in motion from 60 Cherry street at a fairly early hour on the morning of June 30, with the Hon. Paddy and his old friend Big Tim Foley leading the parade.

The long parade will march from 60 Cherry street to the recreation pier at the foot of Market street, East River, where the steamship Equanum (brothered strong) will be straining at her moorings, and then they will sail up to White's Grove at Point View Island.

And sometime that night, or it may be in the early morning of July 1, the good ship Equanum, formerly the Wobbe and taken over by the Irish from Capt. Kilkenny and the Germans when the United States and Tom Foley's Irish got into the war, will come back down the river, the association having done its whole duty by the lamented John.

KANSAS HARVESTING 225,000,000 BU. CROP

State Will Receive \$450,000,000 for New Wheat.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

WELLINGTON, Kan., June 22.—The song of a golden sea, fretted by the droning onrush of a horde of reapers, is sweeping across Kansas this week. It is the song of the wheat. And Kansas waits with bated breath until the last echo is lost in the vanishing flatness of its golden prairies.

It is a time of mighty days in Kansas, when its people respond to the call of a war torn and famished world for food, and nature, not to be shamed by the efforts of her children, smiles generously on the State.

A flood of \$450,000,000 will flow into Kansas when the 225,000,000 bushel wheat crop is sold. Kansas, used to huge crops, is fairly staggered at the prospect of such opulence.

The first wave of the binder horde swept across the southern tier of counties the last of this week and is now rolling on to the second tier of counties. In three of the big counties there is practically no wheat uncut to-night.

The yield per acre will not be excessive, although good. Laborers from every State in the Union are helping harvest the great crop.

Three Burned to Death.

PITTSBURG, June 22.—George M. Staub, Sr., aged 45, and his two children, George, aged 7, and Agnes, aged 4, were burned to death when their home in St. Clair township, near here, was destroyed by fire early to-day. Miss Carrie Staub, aged 13, sister of George Staub, was burned seriously.

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5 KILLED, 7 HURT IN 2 MOTOR ACCIDENTS

One Car Overturns in Ditch Near Watertown; Another Is Wrecked Near By.

TWO RESCUERS INJURED

Newspaper Man Meets Death on Way to Investigate—2 Children Victims.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., June 22.—Five persons were killed and seven seriously injured in two automobile accidents, one of which occurred late last night and one early this morning, on the Watertown-West Carthage road about ten miles from this city.

Mrs. John Wood, 70, of River Gate; Arthur Reese, 21, of this city; Harold Irish, 10, and Leona Irish, 3, were killed outright when an automobile being driven by Reese from the farm of Stuart L. Irish, near Copenhagen, to this city, went into a ditch and overturned.

James A. Moore, a Watertown newspaper man and sporting promoter, who went out this morning in an automobile to investigate the first accident, suffered fatal injuries when the car in which he was riding overturned near

the scene of the first wreck. He died later in a hospital here.

Police Capt. W. E. Edgell and James Cole, a restaurant proprietor, both of Watertown, who accompanied Moore, were seriously injured.

Occupants of the first car who were injured were Stuart L. Irish, John Wood, Emma Irish, Irene Irish and Brittain Seery.

CYCLISTS FRACTURE SKULLS.

Two Men Hurt in Newark—Two Struck by Cars.

In automobile accidents in Newark yesterday two men received fractured skulls when they were thrown from a motorcycle. Both are in a serious condition in the Newark city hospital. Two other men escaped with minor injuries.

The two with fractured skulls are John Zimmerman, 28, of 650 South Eleventh street, and John Narr, 35, of 17 Main street.

They, with John Schmidt, 654 South Nineteenth street, were in a motorcycle with a side car attachment going over South Eleventh street near Fifteenth avenue when they encountered an automobile travelling in the opposite direction.

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